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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING
SHAPED CERAMIC BODIES
USING SETTER PLATES

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SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action of December 19, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application. Initially, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

38. (New) A method for producing a formed body, the formed body including at least one of a formed ceramic body, a ceramic sheet and a multilayer hybrid, the formed body having at least one of a printed circuit trace, a switching element and a plated throughhole, the method comprising the steps of:

disposing a plurality of green bodies containing an organic auxiliary agent between porous setter plates, through which gaseous hydrocarbons escape from the plurality of green bodies developed during at least one of a sintering operation and a binder removal operation, the step of disposing being performed during at least one of the sintering operation and the binder removal operation; and